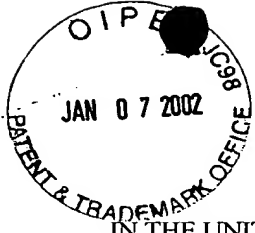


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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby notify the Examiner of documents that may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

As this supplemental IDS is being filed before the mailing of the First Office Action on the Merits, and thus, no fee is required (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3)).

Further, as the documents listed in the 1449 were submitted in a prior application (Ser. No. 09/654,133) relied upon under 35 U.S.C. §120, copies of said listed documents are not required (See 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)(1)).

Also, as indicated, all of the documents are in English and therefore, no brief statement of relevance is required.

Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the instant application.

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